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--- WESTERN CEMETERY ---

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1. SUBJECT:

Western Cemetery.

2. LOCATION:

Near Messick, Virginia, on west side of road and down a a lane about one hundred and fifty yards, and about .5 mile above "Amoy's" Wharf.

3. DATE:

1794.

4. OWNERS:

5. DESCRIPTION:

It is enclosed and a large gate at the entrance. A few years ago there was added about a fourth of an acre.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This cemetery is very old. On one stone the inscription; M. P. 54 - 1794 is to be seen on this stone which is flat, not a slab, and the 54 is supposed to mean that the man was fifty four years old when he died.

This man was carried to the cemetery in an ox cart, the stone was placed at the head and a little twig placed at the foot; which grew to be a large mulberry tree, but was cut down about fifteen years ago.

Other inscriptions are:

Jane Amory, born February 24th. 1823, died June 29th. 1865. John Wesley Hopkins, born October 10th. 1846, died May 25th. 1864. Bunah Forrest, April 3, 1858. October 1, 1863.

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

The cemetery itself.